

(1) A list of all U.S. customers that have purchased the product from the foreign company during the past three years, along with documentation from these customers demonstrating that they support the petition and have been unable to purchase the product domestically;

(2) A list of all the foreign company's sales (by quantity) to U.S. customers of the product in each of the last three years.

§ 357.104 Determination of adequacy of petition, notice of review and opportunity for comment.

(a) Within 24 hours after a petition is filed, excluding weekends and holidays, the Secretary will determine whether the petition is adequate.

(b) If the Secretary determines that the petition is adequate, the Secretary promptly will cause to be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER a notice that a petition with respect to the product is under review and provide interested parties with the opportunity to submit written comments on the petition. Comments will be accepted for a period of seven days from the date notice of the review of the petition is published in the FEDERAL REGISTER. Interested parties may file replies to any comments submitted under this section. Any replies must be filed with the Secretary within five days after the closing date of the comment period. Interested parties shall certify that the factual information contained in any submission they make is accurate and complete to the best of their knowledge.

(c) If the Secretary determines that the petition is inadequate, the Secretary immediately will return the petition to the petitioner along with an explanation of why it is inadequate.

§ 357.105 Questionnaires.

For reviews conducted under section 106(b)(2), the Secretary normally will send questionnaires to potential producers/suppliers of the product to determine whether it is in short supply. Questionnaires shall be completed and delivered to the Secretary within 8 days after being sent by the Secretary. Questionnaire responses not received

within this period will be deemed favorable to the petition.

§ 357.106 Time limits.

(a) The Secretary will determine, no later than the day specified in paragraph (b) of this section—

(1) Whether short supply exists with respect to the product; and

(2) If short supply is determined to exist, the quantity of the short supply allowance.

(b) The Secretary will make a short supply determination not later than—

(1) The 15th day after the day on which an adequate petition is received if—

(i) A twelve week moving average of raw steel making capacity utilization in the United States, as published by the American Iron and Steel Institute, equals or exceeds 90 percent, or

(ii) The Secretary has granted short supply allowances for the product during each of the two immediately preceding years. This requirement will be satisfied by a full or partial grant of a short supply allowance for the product for a one-year period during each of the two immediately preceding years, or for a six-month period during each of the two immediately preceding years, provided that there was not within the two immediately preceding years a formal negative determination by the Secretary as to the existence of short supply for the product; or

(iii) The Secretary, on the basis of available information (and whether or not in the context of a determination under section 102 of this part), finds that the product is not produced in the United States.

In making a determination with respect to which section 106(b)(1) of this part applies, the Secretary will apply a rebuttable presumption that the product is in short supply. The burden of proof will lie on a domestic steel producer to prove that it can and will produce and supply the product within the requested period of time provided it represents a normal order to delivery period. Unless such proof is provided, the Secretary will issue a short supply allowance within 15 days of receipt of an adequate petition.

(2) In all other circumstances, the Secretary will make a determination

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within 30 days after the day on which an adequate petition is received.

§ 357.107 Publication of determinations and notification of foreign governments.

The Secretary will publish in the FEDERAL REGISTER a notice of each short supply determination setting forth the basis for that determination. If the determination authorizes a short supply allowance, the Secretary will notify a representative of the appropriate foreign government and issue to the petitioner the necessary documentation to permit the importation.

§ 357.108 Disclosure of information.

Promptly after making a short supply determination, the Secretary will disclose to each interested party which requests such disclosure the rationale for the determination, along with all non-proprietary information forming the basis of the determination.

§ 357.109 Request for reconsideration.

Interested parties may file a request for reconsideration with the Secretary. The interested party must state with particularity the grounds for the request, including any alleged inaccurate information upon which the short supply determination was based, or facts or points of law which the interested party claims the Secretary has overlooked or misapplied. The interested party shall file the request for reconsideration within 5 days after the publication of the short supply determination in the FEDERAL REGISTER. If the request for reconsideration is granted, the Secretary will review and affirm, modify, or reverse the original determination and publish such decision in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

§ 357.110 Record of review.

(a) The Secretary will maintain in the Import Administration Central Records Unit an official record of each short supply review. The Secretary will include in the record all relevant factual information, written argument, or other material developed or obtained by the Secretary during the course of the proceeding. The record will include governmental memoranda pertaining to the proceeding, memoranda of *ex*

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parte meetings, determinations, notices published in the FEDERAL REGISTER. The official record will include both public and proprietary information.

(b) *Examination and copying of information.* In general, all public information in the official record will be available for inspection or copying at the Import Administration Central Records Unit, Room B-099, by any person during business hours. With respect to documents prepared by an officer or employee of the United States Government, facts (as distinguished from advice, recommendations, opinions and evaluations) contained in any such documents will be made available by summary or otherwise on the same basis as information contained in documents submitted by other persons.

(c) *Ex Parte meetings.* Written memoranda will be prepared as expeditiously as possible of any *ex parte* meeting between the Secretary and any interested party or other person providing factual information relating to the short supply determination. A memorandum of an *ex parte* meeting will include the date, time, and place of the meeting, the identity of all the persons present, and a non-proprietary summary of the matters discussed and/or facts submitted.

§ 357.111 Public and proprietary information.

(a) Any person who submits information in connection with a short supply review may designate that information, or any part thereof, as proprietary, thereby requesting that the Secretary treat that information as proprietary. The Secretary normally will not treat as proprietary any information not designated as proprietary by the submitter. The submitter must file four copies of a public version of the proprietary information, including any public summaries as substitutes for the portions for which the person has requested proprietary treatment. The submitter must conspicuously mark in the upper right corner of both versions, the words "proprietary document" or "public version of proprietary document", as appropriate. Each separate designation of information as proprietary shall be accompanied by: